



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Bernhard Wartenhorst
Serial No.: 10/015,740
Confirmation No.: 8869
Filed: 13 December 2001

Group Art Unit: 3643
Examiner: R. Thomas Price, Jr.

For: **MECHANICAL MILKING PROCEDURE FOR ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY COWS**

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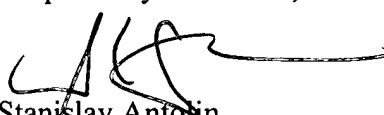
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Species IA as claimed in claim 6 for prosecution on the merits in connection with the above-identified application.

If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 502190 and consider this a Petition therefore.

Respectfully submitted,


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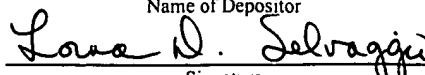
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